ounce of *Syr. de Mecon.* in each Draught. So that in all ſhe took in the time above-mentioned 102 gr. of *Laud. Lond.* and ℥iij. of *Venice* Treacle, and ℥iiij. of *Syr. de Meconio.*

This is atteſted under the hands of her 3 Phyſicians, and the Apothecary. Dr *Franc. Willis* of *Oxford.* Dr *Step. Flavell,* Dr *John Cooke,* } *Newberry.* *Ri. Fanner,* Apoth.

Sign'd in the Preſence of *Rich. Smith, Rich. Spier,* and *Robert Greenham.*

She Dyed the 1ſt of *Febr.* about 5 in the Afternoon.

VII. *An Account of a Woman, who voided the greateſt part of a* Fœtus *by the Navel. By Mr* Chriſtopher Birbeck.

ONe *Raper*'s Wife, in a Town called *Coxwold*, 12 miles from *York*, falling in Labour of Child Birth, the Midwife uſing her endeavour extracted the Secundine, it offering firſt, and could not by her beſt skill perceive any thing elſe remaining: The Womans body falling, and for ſome days being pretty eaſie, and the Womb contracted, the Midwife took this Secundine to be a *Mola* or falſe Conception, but in about a weeek more ſhe began to diſcharge plenty of Fætid Matter by the *Vagina*, which continued, and in proceſs of time ſhe felt a troubleſom hardneſs on the *Hypogaſtrium*, which increas'd daily for above 6 weeks, by which the Woman was brought ſo low, they deſpaired of her Life, this lump, hardneſs and foreneſs wrought upwards to the *Regio Umbilicalis*. I ſuppoſe it continued there fixt for

for about a month; at length being exceeding painful, the Neighbouring Gentlewomen took it for a great Boil or Apoſteme, and apply'd what they uſually do in ſuch caſes, to aſſiſt its ſuppuration, and breaking, which had its effect, and it broke upon (or rather under) the Navel, diſcharged then (and afterwards) a great quantity of a thin Fluid and diſcoloured Liquor. The part about it mortified, and the Ulcer inlarged to that bigneſs, that a Mans hand might be introduced therein; it continued exceeding painful, and emitted ſuch an exceeding ſtench, that neither herſelf (being extreamly weak and faint) nor any body elſe could indure to look on it; a ſmall time after they found ſome little Bones wrought out of it, at which they were amazed, and ſhewed them to me, I found them to be the bones of a Childs Finger, which made me curious of going to ſee her, which was gladly accepted, the Woman being very poor. When I examined it I perceived the Fœtus in a confus'd heap or mortified lump, for with my Probe I felt ſeveral Bones, and at that time extracted (after I had ſeparated and dilated the mortification about it) above half the Ribs, ſome Vertebre's of the Back and other Bones, and cut out above a pound of the Childs mortified ſubſtance, as black as Ink, with an extream nauſeous ſmell, that every 2d or 3d day for a month (beginning on *Eaſter Sunday* laſt,) I extracted what I could, being forced to do it very deliberately, by reaſon of the exceeding weakneſs of the Woman, who had certainly dyed in the operation, had I forcibly extracted it, and not given her time, for we were obliged every moment to ſupport her with Cordials, and after every operation ſhe found herſelf lightſomer, and by degrees ſweeter, which gave me hopes of her recovery, which before I had no thoughts of. For not only the *Linea Alba* and Muſcles of the Abdomen, but the *Peritonæum* and *Omentum* was mortified to a great breadth, and the Inteſtines lay fairly in view, and

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expoſed to the air a long time. When I had extracted part, and had a plentiful diſcharge of thin Fætid Matter, the other diſcharge downwards began to leſſen and abate, ſo that I endeavoured to aſſiſt it by bandage and compreſſes, with deterging and drying injections up the *Vagina*, by which means in little time I had no diſcharge that way, and thoſe parts became ſhortly perfectly well, and in ſome time after the Ulcer ſeparated (with the aſſiſtance of Fomentations, good Digeſtives and Mundificatives,) from its Putrifaction, contracted and united wonderfully, and hath now been quite cicatrized near 3 months ago, all the whole Abdomen being ſoft, eaſie and well condition'd. The Woman laboured all this Seaſon at Hay and Harveſt.

I preſume by the forcible extraction of the Secundine, the *Uterus* had been Lacerated and ſo Ulcerated; the Woman being extremely weak, and conſtantly lying in Bed, gave the more liberty for its working upwards: But I ſubmit my opinion to better Judgments; I have all the Bones (except ſome few loſt) at my Lodgings at *Eaſingwould*, 9 miles from *York*, to the Northward; where I have continued ever ſince I was diſcharg'd from his Majeſties Ship *Medway* at *Plymouth*, of which I was Chyrurgeon near 5 years.

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